

Read Exodus 40:34–38. When the tabernacle was finally completed, Exodus tells us that Moses could not enter because the glory of the Lord filled the tent. This is the second moment in the book when God’s presence created a barrier to protect His people. During the Passover, God’s presence passed through Egypt claiming the life of every firstborn person and animal. But He did not enter the homes marked by the blood of the Passover lamb. Instead, His presence stopped the destroyer at the door (*Exodus 12:23*). In both scenes, God’s powerful presence protects. This truth is echoed in the New Testament. Covered by the blood of Christ, our Passover Lamb, and strengthened by Holy Spirit, God’s presence in our lives becomes a power strong enough to keep destructive sin and temptation from taking root when we choose to walk in step with Him.

Just as the tabernacle was filled with the divine presence, believers now carry an even greater gift. Apostle Paul reminds us that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, bought at a price, and meant to honor God (*1 Corinthians 6:19–20*). Christ’s precious blood and perfect sacrifice cleanses us and makes it possible for God to dwell in us! Furthermore, if the ancient tabernacle was prepared with such care, how much more should we honor the One who now makes His home within us? The gift of His indwelling Spirit is not only a comfort; it is a call to continue in holiness. Holiness is not a burden but a response — an offering of gratitude to the God who protects, dwells, and guides. When we remember that the same presence that filled the tabernacle now fills our lives, walking in obedience becomes an act of joy rather than strain.

Prayerfully consider these questions: How have you experienced God’s Spirit protecting you from paths that would have led to harm (*spiritual as well as physical*)? In what practical ways can you honor your body as a temple of the Holy Spirit this week? And, like the pillar of cloud and fire, where might God be inviting you to move or wait?

Weekly Memory Verse:

“For throughout their journeys, the cloud of the LORD was on the tabernacle by day, and there was fire in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel.”

Exodus 40:38

Weekly Affirmation:

I Am a Temple of the Holy Spirit!

NOVEMBER 2025 GROWTH GOALS

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| ☐ Read the Book of Exodus | ☐ Memorize one of the weekly memory verses. |
| ☐ Watch the Bible Project video on Exodus (<i>available on the website</i>). | ☐ Write out a list of things for which you are thankful, at least one thing from each day of the month. Read it over Dec. 1st. |